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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am writing you let you know that I am a staunch supporter of Microsoft and I believe that the current lawsuit against the company instigated by the federal government is wrong and perhaps even counter-productive. Nevertheless, after three long, long years of legal wrestling, the settlement reached in November should provide the opportunity to put an end to this issue once and for all. For that reason I urge that you work towards implementing this settlement as soon as possible.

Under this settlement, Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of the Windows operating system to provide a mechanism for users, computer manufacturers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software applications. Additionally source codes and interfaces internal to the Windows operating system and its products will be freely available to Microsoft's competitors. This is only the tip of the iceberg. As such, this settlement should more than satisfy the Department of Justice, as well as competing companies.

It is time that we concentrate on more important matters facing America. I ask that you work towards putting the November settlement into action as soon as possible and without any more litigation. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dennis Cassidy

cc: Senator Rick Santorum